

Seghill First School Newsletter May 2023 edition 4

Attendance target 96.3%

Whole school attendance since 07 September 2022	93.6%
Whole school attendance this week	95.5%
100%	93%
91.7%	98.5%
100%	93.3%

Two classes both have 100% attendance this week, which is amazing. **Well done Purple class and Orange class.** You will share the attendance octopus and you all had a dip in the sweet box today.

Class of the half term is **Purple class** with 97.3% attendance. **Well done Purple class.** You will have an extra afternoon of Golden Time with Miss Winter or Mrs Lyons.

Names were drawn out of the hat today during celebration assembly. Our winner for a **dip in the attendance prize box** as a reward for having 100% attendance and no late marks for the week is **Zack** in **Yellow** class.

Our winner for summer term A is **Zach** in **Blue** class who received a **£10 voucher**.

Star of the week

Our stars of the week are-

Mrs Lyons
Miss Winter and Mrs Watson
Mrs Bell
Miss Neal
Mrs Kembrey and Miss Barratt
Mrs Askew
Miss Chappell
Staff star

James;
 Orla;
 everyone;
 Ollie;
 Manessa;
 Brogan;
 Callum;
 Mrs Bell.



Birthdays

We have four birthdays in school this week and next week.

Archie in Yellow class will be 5;
Owen in Green class will be 7;
Esme in Purple class will be 8;
 and **Jay** in Blue class is now 9.

Happy birthday to you all. We hope your birthday is special and fun.



WOW winners

Our Writers of the Week are-

Mrs Lyons
Miss Winter and Mrs Watson
Mrs Bell
Miss Neal
Mrs Kembrey and Miss Barratt
Mrs Askew
Mrs Miller and Mrs Jose
Mrs Ellison

Orla;
 Olivia W;
 Callum;
 Caiden;
 Archie;
 Mila;
 Freddie;
 Jaylen.



Summer school uniform

Many children have already started to wear summer uniform and they look very smart. A reminder of our summer uniform-

red sweatshirt or cardigan*

white or red polo top*

grey or black skirt, trousers, shorts, pinafore or

flat heeled shoes or sandals worn with socks

a red and white gingham dress

Open-toe sandals, flip flops and Crocs are not appropriate for school.

Please ensure that **all school uniform is clearly named**. It is really hard to match the right children to their jumper or cardigan when it is not named.

Summer term events and activities

Other school events	Fundraising and community
Year 4 residential trip to Dukeshouse Wood Wednesday 21 to Friday 23 June	Non uniform for summer fayre 1 Friday 09 June (general tombola)
Years 1 to 4 sports morning Tuesday 27 June in PE lessons	Father's Day lunch Thursday 15 and Friday 16 June
Nursery and Reception sports morning Wednesday 28 June in PE lessons	Non uniform for summer fayre 2 Friday 23 June (chocolate and sweets tombola)
Special treat for year 4 Monday 17 July- details to be shared later	Sport for Champions sponsored event Wednesday 28 June
Year 4 leavers' assembly Thursday 20 July at 9:00am	Non uniform for summer fayre 3 Friday 07 July (bottle tombola)
Year 4 leavers' party Thursday 20 July at 6:00pm	Summer fayre Tuesday 18 July from 3:15pm
School is closed on these dates-	Celebration assemblies
Monday 29 May to Friday 02 June 2023 for the half term holidays	Friday 21 July at 9:00am
Monday 24 July to Friday 01 September 2022 for the Summer holidays	

Topic homework reminder

Last Friday your child came home with their **May half term topic homework**. This is an extended piece of homework to be completed in their topic homework book and handed in no later than **Wednesday 14 June**. During this time there will be no Maths or English homework set. Please note that even though we will not be sending home maths and English homework at this time, spellings will still be given out each week and children should continue to read at home and return their reading book and reading record to school every day.

Topic Homework is given instead of three weeks' worth of maths and English homework. With this in mind, we expect to see a minimum of three tasks that are completed to a high standard, and reflect the equivalent of three weeks' worth of homework. Models, paintings and sculptures that children have completed should be brought in alongside their topic homework books. We would really appreciate your support with Topic Homework so all children have at least three pieces of high-quality work which they can be very proud of.

Summer term B PE days

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Red	Yellow	Yellow	
	Green	Orange	Red	
	Purple		Green	
	Blue		Purple	
			Blue	

Please note the days for PE for the rest of this year. Purple and Blue class will be working with All Stars Rugby on Thursdays. Yellow, Red and Green class will be working with NUFC on Thursdays. Red, Green, Purple and Blue class will be working with Mr Dowson on Tuesdays.

Games night

Thank you to everyone who came to **games night**. We raised **£81 for school funds**. It was absolutely lovely to see the children in all four year groups play together so nicely. Mrs Lyons impressed us with her moves while playing Twister! We will plan another games night into our fundraising calendar next year.

Gala non-uniform

Thank you to everyone who came to school wearing non uniform today. We raised **£83** for Seghill Gala. Thank you for your support.

Seghill Gala

The Seghill Gala will take place on Saturday 03 June.

The main road through the village will be closed to allow for the parade to march through the village from Burnlea Gardens at 1pm to the Welfare Field. The parade will be accompanied by a band. One family will be chosen to carry the village banner at the head of the parade. We would love to see as many children as possible taking part in the parade with their families.



As you can see from the programme, there will be many exciting activities and attractions at the Gala. They include-

- Active Northumberland organising sports activities, including children's races;
- Bouncy castle;
- Dog show;
- Tug of war;
- Fire engine;
- Craft activities;
- Fairground rides.

The **pipe band** and the **mini rugby** will be showcasing their talents, which we are sure will be excellent.

It is amazing that our village can plan and host such an amazing event that welcomes everyone from our community. There is something for everyone to see or do at the Gala.

Please support this community event taking place on Saturday 03 June from 12 noon.

Dukeshouse Wood

Some of our children in Year 4 will soon be going on our annual residential visit to **Dukeshouse Wood**. The children always have a fabulous time every year. Mrs Lyons has been busy working with staff from Dukeshouse wood to plan the visit. The visit is something that the children really look forward to and remember for a long time.

Father's Day lunch

The payment portal on School Gateway for Father's Day lunch bookings closed yesterday. The food has been ordered by Mrs Rogage. **Tickets** will be sent out during the first week back after the half term break. The ticket will tell you the time that you need to arrive on Thursday 15 June or Friday 16 June. Children will be seated with their guest. We will be putting together the seating plan to make sure this happens, as well as all of the other children having their lunch at the same time.

Sport for Champions fundraising event

Mrs Lyons has written a letter about our **Sport for Champions fundraising circuit challenge** on **Wednesday 28 June** which will be coming home with your child today. We hope this challenge will prove to be a way to encourage our children to take part in healthy activities while raising some money for school funds and supporting local athletes.

We are thrilled that our athlete is going to be **Stephen Miller**, a three-time paralympic champion. When he was young, Stephen took part in the school sports club once a week and began competing in junior regional events and competitions. He says that his biggest achievement was breaking his own world record when he threw 33.53m in the club throw to take not only the world record but another Paralympic gold.



We will keep **60% of the funds raised** to spend on resources that will provide enriching opportunities for our children. The remaining **40% will go to professional athletes in need of support.**

Hopefully we will be able to get some photographs of the children taking part in their circuit challenge to share with you.

This is the link to the sponsor page <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/seghill-first-school-fundraiser>

The letter from Mrs Lyons has a sponsor form attached (one sponsor form per family). Please ensure that the **Sponsorship Money** and **Sponsorship Forms** are returned to the school by **Friday 16th June**. **This is so the money and forms can be collated before the event and the prizes and awards for the children can be given out at the event on Wednesday 28 June depending on the amount of sponsor money raised** (details on the sponsor form).

Key stage 2 Dream Big engineering project

Children in Years 3 and 4 have been working in partnership with the **National Literacy Trust Dream Big engineering project**. Workshops have been running throughout this half term, looking at the roles of **different types of engineers**, including civil, software, aerospace and marine engineers. The children have also been learning about famous engineers, such as Emily Roebling and Raye Montague. Learning has been led through carefully chosen focus texts.

Today the children have been taking part in a **design challenge** in the hall, working in teams with key stage 2 staff and volunteers from the project. You can see pictures on the next page.

Following on from this project, we have been invited to take our children to **Northumbria University** to take part in a morning of engineering at the university campus. The purpose of the visit will be to **promote engineering and technical careers** to our children. They will be able to meet people from the university's **engineering and environment team**, and have a tour of the facilities. This will help the children to put the pieces together between what they've talked about in school during the sessions and the jobs that engineers do and the spaces and facilities they work in.

What an **amazing opportunity** for our children to visit the university and see first-hand the jobs that they could have in the future. We'll confirm the date after half term.

Key stage 2 Dream Big engineering project



